

EMS PATHFINDER RESOURCE CHECKLIST

EMS Element	Source	Guidance	Tools	Forms	Examples of Completed Forms/Tools or Case Studies
Obtaining Management Commitment and Other Groundwork	Integrated EMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> < Overview+ < Major steps+ < DfE program + < Building support+ < Assigning responsibility+ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> < Building support questionnaire+ < Cost-benefit worksheet+ < Responsibilities worksheet+ < Schedule & resources worksheet+ < Glossary+ 		
	SME Guide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> < EMS benefits+ < Keys to success+ < Major steps+ < Road map for EMS development++ < Integration of EMS and QMS+ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> < Frequently asked questions+ < Cost benefit table+ < EMS-QMS common elements+ < Using consultants considerations+ < Planning steps flow chart+ < Key EMS elements snapshot+ < Step-by-step EMS development flow chart+ < ISO 9001 and 14001 linkages+ < Additional sources of assistance++ 		EMS benefits to a service organization+
	CEMP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> < Overview < Basic EMS elements presentation < Gap analysis discussion+ < Management commitment < Systems integration 	Self-Assessment Matrix+		
	EMR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> < Benefits of an EMR < Correlation between EMR disciplines, the CEMP Principles, and Sections of ISO 14001 < Gap Analysis through questionnaire 	Federal Facility Pre-Site Questionnaire		EMR Case Studies

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	Municipalities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> < Gap Analysis < Key characteristics of an EMS < Four-phased EMS implementation program < EMS benefits+ < What is an EMS+ < Keys to success+ < EPA and local govt objectives for the EMS Pilot Program < Top management involvement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> < Cost Analysis+ < Direct Internal Labor Costs Chart+ < EMS framework diagram+ 		
	CEC Guidance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> < Purpose of an EMS < Choosing a model 			
Environmental Policy	Integrated EMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> < Refining issues < Setting boundaries < Sample commitments 	Policy creation questionnaire+		Provides two policy examples
	SME Guide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> < Role of top management < ISO 14001 commitments 	Environmental Policy worksheet		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> < Provides 3 policy examples < Example of how to identify stakeholder concerns
	CEMP	Steps to address policy development			Sample commitments
	EMR	Addressed in questionnaire			
	Municipalities	Mentioned in Phase I: Developing Project Infrastructure	List of most common ways of communicating the environmental policy		Examples of environmental policies (Appendix C)
	CEC Guidance	Documented, communicated policy			
Identifying Environmental Aspects	Integrated EMS	How to conduct aspect identification, significance determination, and helpful sources of information**	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> < Significance determination criteria questionnaire** < Chemical exposure worksheets** < Community issue worksheets** < Natural resource use worksheet** < Sample aspects and significant aspect procedures** 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> < Aspect Identification and potential effects forms** < Significance determination forms** 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> < Inputs/outputs** < Aspects & impacts** < Process flow diagrams** < Aspect ranking** < Significance determination**

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	SME Guide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> < Introduction* < Hints* < Getting started* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> < Aspect impact questions* < Things to consider* < Aspects worksheet* < Sample procedure* < Data sources for evaluating aspects* < Scoring guide for aspects evaluation* 	Aspects identification form*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> < Link between aspects and impacts* < Sample process flow chart*
	CEMP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> < Environmental liabilities and risks to be defined under System Integration < Identification of aspects and adverse impacts under Environmental Stewardship and Sustainable Development 			
	EMR	Addressed in questionnaire			
	Municipalities	Mentioned and recommended concept in Phase II: Significant Aspects and Objectives and Targets		Appendix C: Significant Environmental Aspect Assessment Matrix	Examples of significance criteria participants used
	CEC Guidance	Aspects may be identified in recommended baseline audit			
Legal and Other Requirements	Integrated EMS	Part of aspect identification, significance determination, and objectives and targets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> < Applicable regulations worksheet < Regulatory implications of alternatives worksheet (see Objectives and Targets) < Sample procedure 	Applicable legal requirements form	Case study
	SME Guide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> < Introduction < Getting started 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> < Legal and other requirements worksheet < Resources for tracking legal requirements < Sample procedure 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> < Examples of legal and other requirements tracking form < Commonly applicable Federal environmental laws

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	CEMP	Requirement to: < Track regulatory issues < Provide guidance for operations to maintain compliance < Inform and coordinate with regulatory authorities as necessary			
	EMR	Addressed in questionnaire		Media Program Review worksheet with applicable regulations	
	Municipalities	Mentioned and recommended concept in Phase I: Developing Project Infrastructure			
	CEC Guidance	< Identify and communicate environmental requirements < Identify changes in requirements			

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Objectives and Targets	Integrated EMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> < Selecting environmental projects** < Evaluating alternatives** < Identifying potential improvements** < Interpreting results of alternatives analysis** 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> < Sample Objectives Procedure** < Sample alternatives evaluation procedure** < Comparing alternatives worksheets for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c Potential alternatives associated with significant aspects** c Evaluating H,S&E potential effects** c Exposure to chemicals and materials** c Community issues** c Natural resources use** c Criteria to determine environmental impact** c Performance** c Regulatory implications** c Annual operating costs** c Potential Annual revenue effects** c Initial investment costs** c Summarizing costs** c Summary evaluation** 	Sample objectives form**	Examples of completed worksheets listed under Tools**
	SME Guide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> < Introduction* < ISO 14001 requirements* < Hints* < Factors to consider* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> < Process tool for setting objectives* < Sample procedure* < Objectives and targets* worksheet* 		Objective and target examples*

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	CEMP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> < Addressed as steps to developing a pollution prevention/resources conservation program < Requirement to identify appropriate organizational performance goals < Description of P2 tools, e.g. life cycle analysis and total cost accounting* 			
	EMR	Addressed in questionnaire			
	Municipalities	Mentioned and recommended concept in Phase II: Significant Aspects and Objectives and Targets			Examples of objectives and targets can be found in individual case studies in Appendix B
	CEC Guidance	Guidance on setting and reviewing objectives			
Environmental Management Program(s) (EMP)	Integrated EMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> < Guidance on elements of EMPs < Outline for preparing EMPs < Review of new products, processes, and activities 	< Sample procedure on review of new purchases, projects, and products	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> < Sample EMP form < Forms provided for review of new products, processes, and activities 	< EMP examples
	SME Guide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> < Introduction < Hints 	EMP worksheet	EMP form	
	CEMP	Addressed as integral part of measurement and improvement			
	EMR	Addressed in questionnaire			
	Municipalities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> < Mentioned and recommended concept in Phase III: Environmental Management Programs < Guidance for developing EMPs 	Overview matrix, which includes EMPs		

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	CEC Guidance				
Structure and Responsibility	Integrated EMS	Guidance on roles, responsibilities, and authorities	< Development Schedule and Resource Worksheet includes identifying participants < Sample responsibilities form	< EMS Responsibilities form	
	SME Guide	< Introduction < Getting started < Hints	< Responsibility matrix < Structure and responsibilities worksheet		Example of completed responsibility matrix
	CEMP	Guidance on addressing structure and responsibility issues			
	EMR	Addressed in questionnaire			
	Municipalities	< Mentioned and recommended concept in Phase I: Developing Project Infrastructure < Structural guidelines from experiences in the pilot program			Example of Linking EMP's to policy commitments
	CEC Guidance	Human and financial resource needs			
Training, Awareness, and Competence	Integrated EMS	Guidance on creating training plans, including action steps	< Staff function versus EMS role table < Structure and responsibility worksheet < Sample procedure	Training plan form	Example of how to complete form
	SME Guide	< Introduction < Getting started < Hints	< Key steps for training program development < When training might be needed < Training, awareness, competence worksheet	Training log	Training success stories
	CEMP	Guidance on development of a training program			
	EMR	Addressed in questionnaire		Part of Media Program Review worksheet	

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	Municipalities	Explanation of awareness and task-specific training			Training and awareness examples
	CEC Guidance	Guidance on establishing procedure			
Communication	Integrated EMS	Guidance on roles and identification of stakeholders	< Worksheet on working with stakeholders < Sample external communications procedure < Stakeholder and environmental issue tool	< Sample stakeholder communication record	Working with stakeholders case study
	SME Guide	< Introduction < Getting started < Hints	< Lists of internal and external communication methods < Sample internal and external communications procedures < Communications worksheet		Communications success stories
	CEMP	Guidance on internal and external communication			
	EMR	Addressed in questionnaire			
	Municipalities	Mentioned and recommended concept in Phase I: Developing Project Infrastructure			
	CEC Guidance	Internal and external communication addressed under Environmental Requirements; Structure, Responsibility, and Resources; and Objectives and Targets			
EMS Documentation	Integrated EMS	Outline of what to include	< Worksheet for developing documentation < Sample EMS manual		

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	SME Guide	< Introduction < Hints	What to consider as EMS documentation EMS documentation worksheet		< Sample EMS manual outline < Sample document index
	CEMP	Guidance on developing clear organizational documentation	Self-Assessment Matrix: Information Management, Communication, and Documentation		
	EMR	Addressed in questionnaire			
	Municipalities				Lessons learned on EMS Documentation
	CEC Guidance				
Document Control	Integrated EMS	Step-by-step guidance	Sample document control procedure	Document control form	
	SME Guide	< Introduction < Getting started < Hints	< Sample document control procedure < Document control worksheet		
	CEMP	Guidance on developing a document control procedure			
	EMR	Addressed in questionnaire			
	Municipalities				
	CEC Guidance	Procedures for documentation related to objectives and targets and EMS operation			
Operational Control	Integrated EMS	Guidance in writing operational controls	< Worksheet for developing operational controls, assigning responsibilities, including in training < Sample operational control procedure	Sample operational control procedures form	Examples of what operations might need controls, and case studies of actual controls
	SME Guide	< Introduction < Getting started < Hints	< Worksheet for determining what controls are needed < Operational controls worksheet		Example activities that might need controls

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	CEMP	Guidance on procedures for compliance assurance and performance improvement			
	EMR	Addressed in questionnaire			
	Municipalities	Stronger operational control tied to significant aspect analysis			
	CEC Guidance	Planning and management of operations and activities tied to objectives and targets			
Emergency Preparedness and Response	Integrated EMS	Guidance on including environmental concerns in emergency preparedness plans	< Worksheet for including environmental concerns into emergency preparedness < Sample procedure		
	SME Guide	< Introduction < Getting started < Hints	< List of useful information sources < EP&R checklist < EP&R worksheet		
	CEMP	Guidance on development of an emergency preparedness program	Self-Assessment Matrix: Emergency Preparedness		
	EMR	Addressed in questionnaire			
	Municipalities	Guidance on evaluating emergency response programs			
	CEC Guidance	Procedures for mitigating impacts of emergency situations and testing of emergency procedures			
Monitoring and Measurement	Integrated EMS	Guidance on environmental performance and compliance monitoring	< Program measurement criteria worksheet < Procedure for monitoring compliance	< Compliance tracking log < Calibration log < P2 tracking log < Performance measurement indicators	

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	SME Guide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> < Introduction < Getting started < Hints 	< Monitoring and measurement worksheet	Form could be derived from operations, aspects, controls, monitoring example	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> < Examples of EMS performance indicators < Significant aspects linked to monitoring, measurement, calibration example (in implementation step) < Operations, aspects, controls, monitoring examples
	CEMP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> < Guidance on developing performance evaluations < How to choose performance indicators < Steps to address performance measurement < Benchmarking guidance 	Self-Assessment Matrix: Evaluating Performance - Gather/Analyze Data; Institute Benchmarking		
	EMR	Addressed in questionnaire			
	Municipalities	Mentioned and recommended concept in Phase IV: Monitoring and Measuring and Management Review			Examples of measurable indicators
	CEC Guidance	<i>Guidance for monitoring using baseline audits</i>			
Nonconformance and Corrective and Preventative Action	Integrated EMS	Addressed in discussion of operational controls, compliance tracking, and internal assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> < Sample procedure < Root cause diagram 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> < Corrective action form < Corrective action notice form 	
	SME Guide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> < Introduction < Hints 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> < Checklist of root causes < Sample procedure < Corrective & preventive action worksheet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> < Corrective action notice < Corrective action tracking log 	

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	CEMP	Guidance on corrective and preventive actions associated with compliance and performance improvement			
	EMR	< Addressed in questionnaire < Explanation of conformance vs. compliance			
	Municipalities	Mentioned and recommended concept in Phase IV: Monitoring and Measuring and Management Review			
	CEC Guidance	Establishment and maintenance of procedures for corrective and preventative actions			
Records	Integrated EMS	Provides guidance throughout document	Forms and worksheets for other elements		
	SME Guide	< Introduction < Hints	< List of records you might maintain < Records management worksheet	Forms can be derived from records management worksheet	Sample records organizer
	CEMP				
	EMR	Appendix C: Process steps for a sample EMR	Supporting Documentation Checklist	Part of Media Program Review worksheet	
	Municipalities				
	CEC Guidance	Maintaining records in accordance with relevant laws and for evaluating performance			
EMS Auditing	Integrated EMS	Guidance on setting up and documenting internal assessments	< Internal assessment checklist < Sample procedure	Internal assessment record	

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	SME Guide	< Introduction < Getting started < Hints	< EMS auditing worksheet < Sample procedure	< Audit plan < Communications to audit team < Audit summary form < audit findings form	
	CEMP	Guidance on systems auditing	Self-assessment matrix		
	EMR	Addressed in questionnaire	Checklist provides content for EMS auditing		
	Municipalities	Mentioned and recommended concept in Phase IV: Monitoring and Measuring and Management Review			< Examples of different procedures for conducting EMS Audits < Lessons learned
	CEC Guidance	Direction for periodic, documented auditing for conformance and improvement			
Management Review	Integrated EMS	Guidance on why to perform management review	< Checklist of what to review < Sample procedure	Management review record	
	SME Guide	< Introduction < Hints	< Management review questions < List of information sources to consider < Management review worksheet < Sample procedure		Example success stories
	CEMP	Guidance on management review			
	EMR	< Addressed in questionnaire < Scope of an Environmental Management Review			
	Municipalities	< Guidance to address continuous improvement < Mentioned and recommended concept in Phase IV: Monitoring and Measuring and Management Review			

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	CEC Guidance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> < Direction for integrating EMS elements into decision-making and planning < Management review of audits < Focus on overall improvement 			

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